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It also appears that some of the unique topographical features of the Rocky Mountain region were not taken into account when considering transmitter power versus height above average terrain. While I understand the need to reduce geographical reuse areas, the proposed formula is impractical in service areas covering hundreds to thousands of square miles, and where elevations can vary up to 6,000 feet. Furthermore, this aspect would necessitate the construction of a multitude of new mountain top radio facilities; something that local governments in this area have been attempting to reduce for years.

And finally, this department has had an excellent working relationship with our radio frequency coordinators, and has been quite comfortable with how well the current inter-service sharing rules have worked. Based upon these observations, the consolidation of services seems to serve no useful purpose.

Regardless of the intent of the proposed rule making, the negative side effects will definitely outweigh the benefits gained. With